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## Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

WANG ET AL.

Examiner

Nhon T. Diep

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 2 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 January 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 10-12, 18-20 and 25 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9, 13-17 and 21-24 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 07 August 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 11/03: 03/04.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Election/Restrictions***

1. Applicant's election with traverse of the species of figures 4 as represented by claims 1-17 and 21-25 in the reply filed on 1/21/2005 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that figures 1-6 do not represent patentably distinct species. This is not found persuasive because as disclosed by the applicant's own specification, page 12, lines 7-11, figure 3 discloses a method of representing MPEG data in memory into a tiled memory structure as one embodiment of the present invention and page 15, line 22 – page 16, line 8, in conjunction with figure 4, discloses as another embodiment of different method of storing different types of image data in different memory tiles. Since it is clearly stated that there are two distinct inventions, the requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

2. Claims 10-12 and 25 which recite the same limitations as non-elected claims 18-20 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a nonelected species of figure 4, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Applicant timely traversed the restriction (election) requirement in the reply filed on 1/21/2005.

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

3. Claims 1-9, 13-17, 21-24 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The various prior arts of record fail to anticipate or render obviousness a method for storing image data in a multi-plane tiled-surface format, wherein the image data is stored in a first plane and

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a second plane, the first plane represented by a first set of tiles and the second plane represented by a second set of tiles, wherein a first portion of image data stored in the first plane has a first image data type, and a second portion of image data stored in the second plane has a second image data type, each plane of the multi-plane tiled-surface format being a logical arrangement of tiles representing a plurality of memory pages within memory banks, the tiles arranged such that memory pages of data for sequential retrieval are implemented in different memory banks; and accessing the data in the first plane from top to bottom and the data in the second plane from bottom to top as specified in claims 1, 5, 13 and 21.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

### ***Conclusion***

4. This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

Non-elected claims (18-20) and similar claims (10-12 and 25) which are withdrawn from consideration must be canceled.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

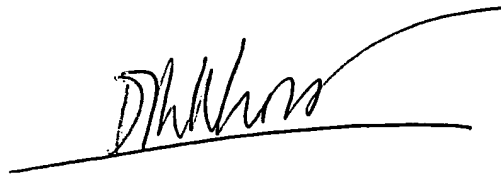
A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nhon T. Diep whose telephone number is 571-272-7328. The examiner can normally be reached on m-f.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chris S. Kelley can be reached on 571-272-7331. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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6/9/2005

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nhon T. Diep', is written over a horizontal line.

**NHON DIEP  
PRIMARY EXAMINER**